GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:873
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Amendment in R.P. Act, 1951
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received proposal from Election Commission of India for amendment in the Representation of the People (R.P.) Act, 1951 in order to effectively deal with the issues regarding bribery and misuse of money power in elections;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW AND JUSTICE AND ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI P. P. CHAUDHARY)

(a) and (b): A proposal to amend the Representation of the People Act, 1951 empowering the Election Commission to postpone polling or to declare polling already taken as void, on the basis of the report of the Returning Officer regarding bribery and misuse of money power in affected areas, has been received from the Election Commission.

(c): The proposal is under examination of the Government.